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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation

(Report #64 - As of 6:00 A.M. EDT)

1. The India-Pakistan cease-fire was honored without incident at 6:00 EDT last evening and there have been no reported violations since it went into effect.

2. Even in "peace" however, Indian and Pakistani statements continue to be diametrically opposed. Indian charges that Pakistan bombed Amritsar--killing 50 civilians a few hours after agreeing to a cease-fire--are refuted by Pakistani statements that the claims are baseless and in fact the Pak Air Force hit only military targets along the road to Amritsar.

3. Pakistan's International Airlines says it will resume flights between East and West Pakistan today. The flights were suspended on 6 September when India refused permission to the airlines for territorial overflights.

4. Embassy New Delhi estimates that Pakistan has probably had 2,500-3,000 killed and 12,000-15,000 wounded during the fighting while India lost some 2,000 killed and 10,000 wounded.

5. UN Secretary Thant is wasting no time in gathering a 100-man team of military observers to send to the disputed area. So far Denmark and Canada have each agreed to send ten officers. The new observer group is to be known as UNIPOM, or United Nations India-Pakistan Observer Mission.

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6. The cease-fire announcement was reportedly received less than enthusiastically by the Pakistani man-in-the-street who has been reading in the press of the stunning victories scored over the Indians.

7. Embassy London reports an unofficial British view that the most important thing now is to continue economic aid to both sides.

8. Peking has been busy denouncing the cease-fire and the UN, which it says is jointly dominated by "the US and modern revisionists" (Russia). The blast was accompanied by another call for the establishment of a revolutionary United Nations if a reorganization of the UN to its standards is not accomplished.

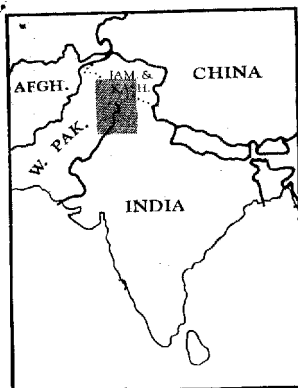
9. The Chinese Communists have allowed their deadline to pass without taking any action against the Indian frontier. Instead, an authoritative People's Daily Observer article on 22 September claims that Peking's ultimatum has forced the Indians to comply with its demand that they destroy their "military works" on the Chinese side of the border.

10. The article attempts to keep open the threat of action by claiming that other demands--for a return of livestock and allegedly kidnapped border inhabitants--are still outstanding, and therefore, the "matter is far from closed and accounts must be settled." This language, however, is similar to claims made by Peking for years and does not carry with it the immediacy contained in the recent ultimatum.

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